

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings, and all prior versions, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 4. (Cancelled).

5. (Previously presented) A method for producing L-histidine which comprises:

- (a) culturing *Escherichia coli* H-9341 (FERM BP-6674) in a culture medium;
- (b) producing and accumulating L-histidine in the culture medium; and
- (c) recovering L-histidine from the culture medium.

6 – 13. (Cancelled).